



NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY THE NUMBERS

of Schools: **24** Enrollment: **12,488**

NFS Dollars Spent: **\$100,000**

Number of Farmers Supported: **13**

TOP VENDORS:

FreshPoint Sysco: \$45,067

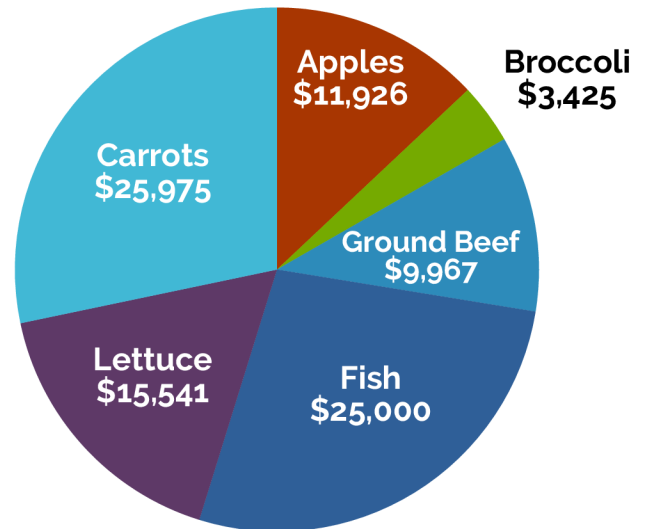
Red's Best: \$25,000

Thomsen: \$15,542

Meatworks: \$9,967

Harvesting Good: \$3,425

TOP 6 ITEMS PURCHASED



NEW VENDOR RELATIONSHIPS

The New Bedford Food and Nutrition programs utilized Local Food for Schools funding to establish new vendor relationships procuring healthy, local, and fresh products. New Bedford partnered with Little Leaf Lettuce, Red's Best, Harvesting Good, and Meatworks. Students enjoyed eating the food items and the staff were excited about using fresh local products when preparing the meals.



Having these fresh menu items, such as broccoli, fish nuggets, and taco salad, available has been beneficial to having healthy meal options and doing business with local vendors. Sourcing has been challenging over the past four years, due to supply chain interruptions, and the Northeast Food for Schools funding has allowed us to have more options when selecting local vendors.

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